

BENT COUNTY ARRA FUNDING AND PROJECTS

- ❖ **Based on the latest information available to the Governor's Office.** This report is not comprehensive because new Recovery Act awards are announced frequently. This does not include funds - including income tax cuts, increased COBRA benefits, increased funds to cover Medicaid services and others - that cannot be broken down by county. The numbers below represent funds that have been awarded and are expected to be received over the life of the Recovery Act. The funds are distributed to a wide range of groups in the county and do not necessarily touch county government.

COMMUNITY SERVICES / SAFETY NET:

\$499,574	Community Services Block grant to Bent County for poverty reduction and revitalization of low-income communities. Bent County will provide job training to at-risk high school students in the areas of Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nurses Assistant, Auto Body Technician, and Auto Mechanic Technician (\$218,400).
\$79,876	Community Development Block grant for the expansion of the Bent County Medical Facility
\$96,894	Extra 13 percent in food stamp benefits to about 800 people in Bent County between April 1- October 31, 2009

PUBLIC SAFETY:

\$58,332	Justice Assistance grant to the District Attorney's Office in the 16th Judicial District. The project consists of the continuation of the 16th Judicial District Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force. The task force will continue aggressive enforcement actions to identify, arrest, and prosecute narcotics violators. (Includes Bent, Crowley, and Otero Counties)
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TRANSPORTATION:

\$121,000	Grant to Bent County for the historic restoration through Town Square streetscaping, sidewalks, and landscaping
\$68,453	Grant to the City of Las Animas for work on the John Rawling Heritage Center

WORKFORCE SERVICES AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

\$373,038	Workforce Investment Act Funds for job training to Southeast County Region residents (Includes Bent, Baca, Crowley, Otero, Prowers, and Kiowa Counties)
\$319,189	Wagner Peyser (WP) & Reemployment Services (RES) to Southeast County Region residents

\$374,307	Extra 20 weeks of benefits, through the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, for 73 jobless workers (as of June 30, 2010) in Bent County
\$96,700	Extra \$25 per week in unemployment benefits through the Federal Additional Compensation program, for 133 jobless workers (as of June 30, 2010)
\$66,805	Additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits through a new state law given to 29 jobless workers as of June 30, 2010

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT:

\$172,651	Weatherization funds to be spent for free energy efficiency upgrades in low-income homes in Bent County
\$155,000	Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant to the Southeast Colorado RC&D for energy efficiency improvements in buildings in Baca, Bent, Kiowa, Prowers, Otero and Crowley counties
\$575	Rebates for 2 people in Bent County for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances, including dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces, and boilers.

EDUCATION:

\$28,504	Title I, Part A funds to McClave School District RE 2 for programs at schools with high percentages of low-income students
\$197,141	Title I, Part A funds to Las Animas School District RE-1 for programs at schools with high percentages of low-income students
\$3,047	IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Part B funds for services to disabled students in Bent County

OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS:

\$4,954	Emergency food grant to Foodservicewarehouse.com to distribute food commodities to households and provides meals for needy people
\$187,000	Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program funds for the Limestone-Graveyard Creeks Watershed Project
\$63,000	National Park Service grant to upgrade maintenance shop electrical system to meet code
\$2,980,000	Department of Defense grant to the John Martin Reservoir for repairs to the dam and roads